

--An alternative embodiment of the present invention is shown in Fig. 5. In that embodiment, a laser arrangement 500 comprises a plurality of distributed feedback regions 502, 504 connected in series. One saturable absorption region 506 and one feedback loop 508 are shared between the distributed feedback regions 502, 504 to form the laser arrangement 500.--

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application: